

SENATE RESOLUTION 35

By Clabough

A RESOLUTION to recognize Dr. Robert DeLozier on the  
occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert DeLozier is one such estimable person who has served with probity for nearly fifteen years with Alcoa City Schools as Principal of Alcoa Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Bob DeLozier grew up in Blount County and graduated from Porter High School in Maryville in 1951; and

WHEREAS, he received a bachelor's degree from Maryville College and was awarded master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, his professional career was interrupted by his service as a cryptographic operator in missile communications guidance in the United States Army from 1956-58; and

WHEREAS, following his discharge, Bob DeLozier took a teaching position with the Greeneville City Schools and returned to that system as a principal after obtaining his doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeLozier left the Greeneville School System to return to the University of Tennessee to accept a professorship in the College of Education, where he served many years; and

WHEREAS, he accepted the position of Principal at Alcoa Elementary School during the 1985-86 school year and excelled in his return to the role for which he was so admirably trained and suited; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeLozier's tenure was marked by dramatic increases in school enrollment; he instituted important innovations, including multi-age classes, looping, 45-15 (alternative) calendar, students working in open pods and improved fine arts offerings; and

WHEREAS, Bob DeLozier is also justifiably proud of the child care program and the school library improvements. The Alcoa Elementary School's innovations and techniques have been adopted by many other school systems; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeLozier has always had excellent rapport with children, which has enabled him to deal with "problem" behavior by finding root causes that would have escaped most adults; he has invariably dealt with those causes in effective and supportive ways; and

WHEREAS, Bob DeLozier leaves behind a legacy of excellence in education; he has tried to promote and further the view that schools are for children and the children should be the center of everything. Dr. DeLozier also strove to implement "brain compatible" learning as opposed to rote memorization; and

WHEREAS, Bob DeLozier exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Dr. DeLozier enjoys the love and support of his lovely wife Patricia and their two sons, Michael and Scott; and

WHEREAS, Bob DeLozier is an active member of Logan Chapel United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, although he regrets leaving education and will miss the contact with children and teachers, Bob DeLozier plans to keep busy with his genealogy interests, working in the flower garden and reading; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Dr. DeLozier has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others, especially children, to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and his students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Dr. Robert DeLozier our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.